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Title: ACTIVATED CARBON FILTER

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

The references are discussed in the introductory part of the application.

They do not disclose that in an activated carbon filter for reducing vapor emissions from a fuel supply system including, in a filter housing, a first connecting section for communication with the atmosphere and a second connecting section for communication with the fuel supply system, an activated carbon filter section is disposed between the first and second connecting sections and a filter layer of a highly adsorptive filler material layer

is disposed between the activated carbon filter section and the first connecting section to prevent any escape of vapors through the first connecting section to the atmosphere.

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